RESOLUTION NUMBER 229 CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

WHEREAS, this honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis has been apprised that Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake and members of the Church of God In Christ (COGIC) are celebrating their 100th Annual Holy Convocation, November 5, 2007 to November 12, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Church of God In Christ began their centennial celebration at the 99th Annual Holy Convocation in 2006. They will continue to observe the occasion with the culmination at the 100th Convocation. COGIC has grown from a small congregation founded in Memphis to a 6.5 million international denomination the last hundred years; and

WHEREAS, COGIC is honoring all the lives saved and souls that have come to know Jesus as a result of the Church. COGIC is presently in 58 countries around the world; and

WHEREAS, the Church of God In Christ is the fourth largest Protestant religious denomination in the United States with an estimated membership above 6.5 million members. COGIC headquarters are located at Mason Temple in Memphis, Tennessee.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOL VED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Church of God In Christ as it celebrates its 100th Annual Holy Convocation and by the adoption of this resolution wishes to join in the celebration. We also recognize its Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake for his hard work, leadership and dedication for the Kingdom of God, and we direct the Clerk of this Board to prepare a commemorative copy of this Resolution to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

Introduced on this 2nd day of November, 2007 by: Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4th Ward Adopted this the 2nd day of November, 2007 as attested by:

Denise Watson-Wesley Coleman

Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed

President, Board of Aldermen